

**BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – March 6, 2013**  
**Danvers Town Hall, One Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA 01923**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Martha Swindell, in the Town Manager’s Conference Room at Town Hall with the reading of the public notice, posted by the Town Clerk. Also in attendance were: Edmund Kowalski, Member; Dr. McLaughlin, Member; Peter Mirandi, Director of Public Health; Ruth Price, Sun Safety Coordinator; and Janell Powers, Clerk.

**Approval of Minutes – January 30, 2014**

Dr. McLaughlin moved to accept. Mr. Kowalski seconded. All were in favor.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Mirandi suggested a change to the agenda in order to accommodate the businesses awaiting approval of a variance. Ms. Swindell agreed.

**BJ’s Wholesale Club Request for a Variance**

Kevin Scopetski, Regional Food Safety & Quality Manager presented his plan on how the pizza for sale at the customer service counter would remain safe by using time as a public health control. Records will be kept and product will be discarded if not served within 2 hours. Mr. Kowalski motioned to grant the variance. Dr. McLaughlin seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**78 Holten Street Café Request for a Variance**

Frank Giacalone, RS representing the applicant requesting a variance for pizza, calzones & arancini. A log sheet will be maintained to record the time and temperatures of the food. Food items exceeding the 4-hour time limit will be recorded in a log and discarded. Mr. Kowalski motioned to grant the variance. Dr. McLaughlin seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Regina Pizzeria Request for a Variance**

Stephen Napolitano, VP of Development was present to request a variance for Regina Pizzeria. This request is for pizza sold by the slice. They will use log sheets to identify the time pizzas are made. Any product will be taken off the warmers for 15 minutes and refrigerated for pick up by the food pantry, Haven from Hunger. Mr. Kowalski motioned to grant the variance. Dr. McLaughlin seconded. All were in favor.

**McDonald’s Request for a Variance**

McDonald’s is requesting a variance from the Board of Health to use time as a control of bacterial growth for the cheese, sliced tomatoes and cut leafy greens stored at room temperature during service. They will adhere to a timing structure not to exceed 2 hours after which items will be discarded and replaced with fresh produce/cheese from the refrigerator. Dr. McLaughlin motioned to grant the variance. Mr. Kowalski seconded. All were in favor.

**Request from Matthew Soares for Variance from Body Art Regulation**

Eli Rechdan and Matthew Soares were here to request variances from the Board of Health regulation of body art which requires the passing of Anatomy & Physiology 1 and 2 from an accredited University. Mr. Kowalski asked who will be doing the piercings. Eli Rechdan stated that he and

Matthew will be doing the piercings. He stated that Matthew Soares is an EMT and he is getting his paramedics course completed through Lifeline Ambulance in Woburn. Mrs. Swindell asked if he could provide the grades and documentation to her. Mr. Kowalski would like to see the EMT license. Eli Rechdan said that he too is requesting the variance for himself. He has been teaching and doing piercings for over 20 years. Mrs. Swindell stated that she really feels that the bylaw is a very serious and infection control is why these regulations were developed. Eli Rechdan acknowledged that the Board may table, approve or deny the request for a variance. Mrs. Swindell would like the documentation supporting that Matthew Soares has taken these classes; a letter of recommendation from Saugus or Medford would be helpful too she added. Mr. Kowalski motioned to table the request. Dr. McLaughlin seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

### **Permits and Licensing**

Mr. Mirandi stated that we have collected over \$35,000 in permitting of food establishments.

### **Public & Environmental Health Violations/Nuisance Investigations Report**

Mr. Mirandi stated that the Extended Stay has a comprehensive pest control agreement and they have hired two porters to take the trash out regularly. Mr. Mirandi stated that he appreciates the efforts of Representative Speliotis but doesn't feel that he needs to come back to report to the Board of Health. Mr. Mirandi stated that they have made a lot of progress on this and will remain diligent.

## **ANIMAL HEALTH**

Ingrid Barry was present to continue the discussion about the cats and stated that it makes more sense taking the word dog out and replacing it with animal ordinance. Peter Mirandi stated that he feels that she should work towards getting a citizens petition and bringing this to Town Meeting for a Town-wide vote on an amendment to the Leash Law. After she completes the preliminary work, the Board of Health might be able to include an endorsement as the concept of restricting animals to the owners control does protect public health. However, this is not a priority item.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

### **Sun Safety**

Ruth Price was present to present the overall synopsis. She is in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of a project. Her goal was to work with the 18 communities to gain trust, share resources, and agree on an assessment tool for tanning inspections. She feels that Danvers is ready to move forward on policy development and the Board agreed with her. She will hold a final meeting for Board of Health members and Health Directors to present the proposed policy that would ban children under 18 the use of indoor tanning. She is pleased that the Danvers Board of Health is fully on board and asked them if they would lead by being a stand-alone community to implement this stricter regulation, even if the other

communities do not join them. The Board said yes. She thanked the Board and added that her funding ends March 31<sup>st</sup>, but there are enough funds to continue the website for a year.

**Tobacco Control**

Mrs. Swindell stated that CVS has removed the sale of cigarettes. She would like to craft a letter to go to all CVS expressing the Board of Health's appreciation and support in this. Mr. Kowalski stated that 25 years ago as owner of Woodman's Pharmacy, he stopped selling cigarettes. He wonders what took the pharmacies so long to catch on. Mrs. Swindell also learned at Danvers Cares that children are drinking the liquid in e-cigarettes. Dr. McLaughlin stated it is nicotine and a poison. Mr. Mirandi would like to continue to research the e-cigarettes before taking any formal action.

**Nurses Report** – No report at this time

**Epidemiology Report** – No report at this time

**Emergency Preparedness** – No report at this time

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**District Incentive Grant (DIG) Update**

Mr. Mirandi stated they the Board will need to complete an on-line orientation class in return for acquiring funding for 139 inspections from the regional grant.

**Centre Street**

Mr. Mirandi stated that he had received a call from a Topsfield Veterinarian regarding a dog that was received dead upon arrival. The cause of death was starvation. The veterinarian felt it was important to do a wellness check on the owner. When investigated by our Nurse, it was determined that she needed immediate care and was subsequently admitted into the hospital. North Shore Elder Services have been notified and Pam Parkinson is managing the case from this point. Mirandi wanted to point out the good work done by our Nurse, Health Inspector and Animal Care Specialist working in a team approach with Senior & Social Services to help residents

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Mr. Kowalski motioned to adjourn. Dr. McLaughlin seconded. All were in favor. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Janell Powers  
Board of Health Clerk